Plan for motivating fruit and vegetable growers

1793. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to motivate the fruit and vegetable growers of such States where off season fruits and vegetables can be grown on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will formulate any such plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture — Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans under which, among other things, the farmers are being given assistance for taking up cultivation of fruits and vegetables. This scheme is being implemented in all States & UTs in the Country. Under this scheme assistance is also being extended to the farmers for constructing green houses, which facilitate them in taking up of off season cultivation of fruits and vegetables.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of National Horticulture Mission

1794. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Horticulture Mission with the objective of doubling the horticultural production has been announced;

(b) if so, whether it is being implemented and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme has not been launched so far.

(c) The scheme will be implemented after its approval by the

Government for which proposal has been sent to the Planning Commission for getting their 'in principle' approval.

Cold Storage in Tripura

1795. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages to be constructed in the country during 2004-05;

(b) of these cold storages, how many will belong to Tripura; and

(c) by when the construction works will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce", in the country including Tripura, through National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organization under this department. Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided to the eligible enterpreneurs @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost, upto a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakh per project for North-Eastern States. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal is to come from the eligible enterpreneurs. Under the scheme, 1046 cold storage projects creating a storage capacity of 41.00 lakh MTs have been sanctioned with an eligible back-ended subsidy of Rs. 262.78 crores, upto 31.3.2004. Out of these, two cold storage projects with a capacity of 8000 MT and Rs. 100.00 lakh as subsidy have been sanctioned in the State of Tripura, upto 31.3.2004. During 2004-05, sixty projects have been sanctioned under the Scheme, out of which there is none from Tripura.

KVKs in **Chhattisgarh**

1796. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research in seven newly created districts in Chhattisgarh during the current year;